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Aggies collar Bullock, defeat Raiders 62-55

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LUBBOCK, Tex. — Tech's Rick Bullock, like Napoleon, found out that he couldn't do it all by himself, as the Aggies defeated the Red Raiders 62-55 Tuesday night.

The 6-6 history major was definitely the general on the court, but unfortunately for him A&M had all the troops.

Bullock was high scorer in the game netting 16 of his 23 points in the second half in an attempt to pull off a Tech win.

But in the end the troops of Barry Davis, Sonny Parker, John Thornton, Mike Floyd and company did him in. The Aggies only took 49 shots from the field and connected on 25 for a fine 51 percent, while the Raiders could only hit 21 of 54 for 38.9 percent.

The crowd of 9,112 came quickly to its feet as Bullock completed a three-point play at 19:44. Then Tech's Keith Kitchens stole the ball and fed William Johnson. His five-foot jumper gave Tech a quick 5-0 lead, which was to be their biggest of the night. The Aggies appeared shaky and with the crowd noise at the maximum it appeared a rout might be on.

But Parker quickly ended that with a bank shot then a layup converted from a steal to make the score 5-4 at the 18:23 mark.

Then with the Raiders forcing bad passes into the area of Bullock the Ags hit consecutive shots by Davis and two by Thornton to give A&M ten straight points and their biggest lead of the half at 10-5.

From this point the action settled down with the point spread varying from one to five in favor of A&M.

With the score 16-15 in favor of A&M Ray Roberts followed Davis' shot to give the Ags an 18-15 lead with 9:41 left in the half. After a jump ball A&M got possession and proceeded to tick the minutes away with a disciplined offense. In this time Tech was charged with four fouls trying to pry the ball away. Two of the fouls were committed by the general himself, Bullock.

But with 6:42 left Parker cut for the bucket without the ball and ran over a Tech player. Bullock was fouled by Roberts and his points pulled Tech within one, 18-17 at 6:30.

Twenty-seven seconds later Bullock picked up his third personal and left the game. His replacement Rude Liggins and Grady Newton hit back-to-back 15-footers to give the Red Raiders a 21-18 advantage.

With a flurry of action near the end of the half Mark Davis was fouled by Barry Davis and his free throws gave Tech a 27-26 halftime lead.

The Ags came out and scored on long bombs by Floyd and Davis to jump back into a 30-27 lead with 17:49 left. Then Bullock who had taken only four shots in the first half making two, made his presence felt despite three personals and a wraped left shoulder.

Bullock scored 12 of the next 14 points as he was the man Tech thought could overcome the Aggie troops.

His two free tosses at the 13:02 mark gave Tech a 39-38 lead, this was to be the last ray of Raider sunshine.

Davis, who had 21 points on the night, played a big part in the win hitting a nifty six-footer. This gave the troops a 40-39 lead, one they would not surrender to the general. A three-point play by Webb Williams and a Gates Erwin bucket gave the Ags a six-point lead at 45-39 with 11:56 left.

Time was running out for the Raiders. Once again the Raiders went to Bullock. At 6:57 he layed one in, then at 6:05 he converted two free throws. His final points of the night came at 4:37 when he again put one in from underneath to pull Tech within four, 55-51.

A&M then went into the deliber-

ate offense trying to consume time. The confused Raiders could not take the ball away. With 2:38 remaining Barry Davis found a lane you could drive a truck through. His bucket upped it to 57-51.

Steve Dunn came right back and added a basket for Tech but time was on A&M's side. Forced to foul Tech really got in trouble as A&M converted five of six charity tosses. A harmless bucket by Johnson made the final score, 62-55.

A&M now stands 3-0 in conference play while Tech dropped to 1-2. Metcalf once again praised selfishness of his players as a key factor in the win.

8 Texans selected after three rounds

(AP) — Texas, where schoolboy footballers begin dreaming of professional football careers when they are in junior high school, produced eight players in the first three rounds of the National Football League draft Tuesday.

Mack Mitchell, a 6-foot-7-inch, 245-pound defensive end from the University of Houston, was the first product of a Texas college chosen. He went to Cleveland as the fifth player in the first round.

Don Hardeman, Texas A&I's hard-running fullback, was selected by the Houston Oilers in the 15th position.

Pleased at not having to leave Texas, Hardeman said "I feel pretty good" about going to the Oilers.

"I'm ready but I know pro football will be a little more physical," Hardeman said.

Texas A&M's Tim Gray, a defensive back, was the only other Texas collegian taken in the first round. St. Louis picked him as the 21st player taken in the draft.

Louie Kelcher, Southern Methodist's All-America noseguard, was picked by San Diego in the second round.

The other second round pick included All-America Defensive tackle Doug English of Texas — to

Detroit.

In the third round, Cleveland chose Southern Methodist's tight end-wide receiver Oscar Roan, Kansas City named Rice defensive tackle, Cornelius Walker and Miami picked linebacker Gerald Hill of Houston. Houston's Cougars sent two more players to the pros in the fourth round. The New York Giants drafted Robert Giblin of the Cougars and Baltimore chose running back Marshall Johnson.

Tim Gray 1st round Card pick

Texas A&M's Tim Gray went in the first round of yesterday's pro football draft, the first Cadet to do so in many years.

Gray, a stellar defensive player for the Aggies, was claimed by the St. Louis Cardinals. He was the second cornerback to be selected in the draft thus far and was the 21st player to go.

Gray was unavailable to the Battalion for comment.

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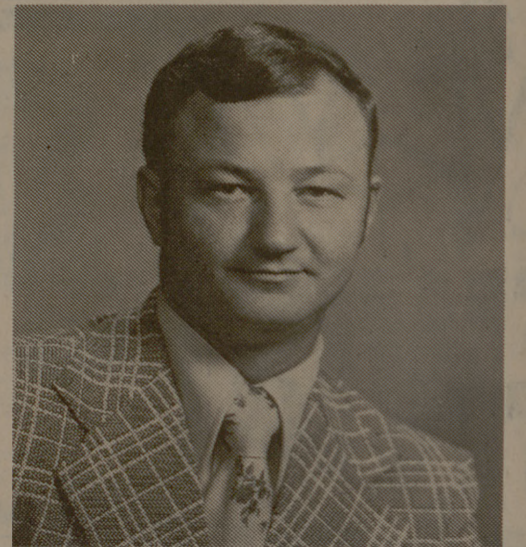
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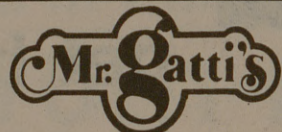
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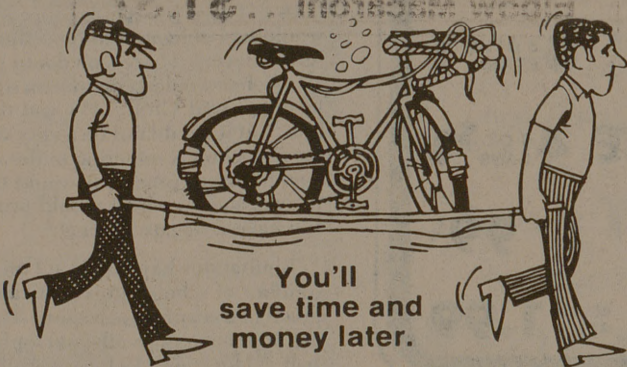


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